

MANY MICHIGAN VILLAGES ARE
WIPED OUT BY FOREST FIREDeath List is Steadily Growing—
Whole Counties in
Flames

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 17.—Every report received from the forest fire-swept country to the northwest of this city increases the extent and gravity of the fire situation, and the death list, which started with the cremating of 15 people in the Metz relief train, is steadily growing.

Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties are all aflame, and the 75 miles between this city and Cheboygan are reported to be almost a solid mass of fire. Alpena county is ablaze in every direction. Reports of fatalities are coming in from many places, but it has been impossible as yet to compile anything like an authentic list of the fire victims in the burned district. From Metz township the cremation is reported of Henry Kamps his wife and two children in their farmhouse, with a third child missing and probably burned to death in the fields. Bolton, South Rogers and Metz are among the destroyed villages. La Roque is threatened, and there is little hope but that it will be destroyed. Only the church is left at the village of Cathro, and it is crowded with refugees from the village and nearby farms. A report brought in from Alpena county says a strip 20 miles wide, from Hubbard lake to the Au Sable river, is burning.

Wire communication throughout the burned district has been very uncertain. Scores of poles have been destroyed and many miles of wires are down. With improved communication it is feared that the death list and the amount of property loss will be materially greater.

Sixty passengers on a southbound Detroit & Mackinac railroad train, which left Cheboygan for this city, spent a night of horror at La Roque. Flames surrounded the train, and it was impossible to proceed or retreat from them. Huddled in their cars, the terrified passengers spent the night in momentary expectation that the train would be consumed. It was saved, however, by hard work, and the passengers came on to Alpena.

Both Cadillac and Traverse City report that the fires in the northeastern part of the state have started again with great force, and are threatening those cities. The fire is only a quarter of a mile away from Traverse on the southwest.

From the upper peninsula come reports that the fires in Chippewa and Houghton counties are very dangerous and spreading rapidly.

Nine Towns Threatened.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 17.—Forest fires are burning around nine small towns in Chippewa county. West Neebish was saved only by a shift of wind. The lighthouse crew at Point Iroquois has asked for help, and the tug Aspen has gone to its relief. It is reported that settlers along the shore of Lake Superior are camping on the beach. Vast tracts of hardwood have been burned. As yet there is no indication of the heavy rain needed to relieve the situation. So far no fatalities have been reported in this section.

DIVISION No. 2
TO MEET FRIDAYTeachers Have Prepared Interesting
Program For Meeting.

The teachers of Division No. 2, will meet at Tracy school house, Friday, October 23. C. A. Tanner is ex-officio president. Prof. R. M. Clark Vice President, Luther Reeves, Secretary.

The following program has been arranged:

Spelling as it should be Taught—Mrs. Fannie Tanner.

Most Important Lesson to be Taught—Miss Sara Clark.

How to get Pupils to Think Intelligently—Mrs. W. R. Gordon.

Ad Importance of Writing; why Neglected—Mrs. Lula Piper.

How to Secure Best Results in Reading—Mrs. W. T. Stevenson.

How to Secure Attention—Mr. L. W. Reeves.

What Should be Taught Outside of Textbooks—Mr. R. M. Clark.

Mental Arithmetic—Miss Sara Bash.

Value of Civil Government—Mrs. Nancy Tanner.

D. A. R. CONFERENCE
TO MEET THURSDAY

Chapters of Order to Gather in Lexington For State Meeting.

In every city of Kentucky where there is an organization of the D. A. R. the ladies of the various chapters are looking forward to the conference to be held in Lexington on the 22 and 23 of this month. Winchester will take part in this conference as she has a chapter organized last winter of sixteen members, and this chapter will be ably represented by Mrs. T. W. L. Van Meter, the Regent, and Mrs. Lucien Beckner, the Registrar.

At this conference a prize will be awarded to the chapter which has received into its organization the greatest number of members since last January. The Winchester chapter has some chance of winning.

The conference will be held at the Central Christian Church. Thursday afternoon will be an especially interesting meeting as the President General, Mrs. Donald McLean will be present. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting; they are public.

There will be several handsome social functions in connection with the business sessions. The ladies of the Lexington chapter will entertain the delegates, alternates and Sons of the Revolution with a grand banquet Thursday evening, given at the Country Club and Friday they will be entertained at noon with a beautiful luncheon.

Friday evening the Bryant Station chapter repeats the interesting play, which they gave several months ago, and this play deals with the history of Bryant Station seige, when the grandmothers of the daughters risked their lives and returned relieving seiged by Indians and going to the spring filled their buckets with water the fort of its great distress.

As these secret affairs, the ladies will appear in their most beautiful gowns and the latest styles will be seen. These conferences are especially noted for their handsomely dressed ladies. The ladies of the Lexington chapter will publish a historic paper on the 23rd, which all the chapters give contributions. The paper will be called "Kentucky as it is, was and should be."

The program is as follows:
Thursday Afternoon, October 22nd, 2:30 o'clock.

Organ Prelude—Miss Edith Love.
My Country 'Tis of Thee—Audience.

Conference—Called to order by the State Regent.

Mrs. C. D. Chenault.
Prayer—Dr. C. L. Reynolds.

Address—of Welcome—Regent of the Lexington Chapter.

Miss Anna Chandler Goff.

Response—Regent of the Paducah Chapter.

Mrs. E. G. Boone.

Selection—Violin—Mr. Bruce Reynolds.

Address—By President General.

Mrs. Donald McLean.

State Report—State Regent.

Mrs. C. D. Chenault.

Address—A Son of the Revolution.

Quartette—Parks.

Misses Foster, Appleton, Goff and Keith.

Appointment of Credential Committee.

Benediction—Rev. I. J. Spencer.

Accompanist—Miss Virginia Parker.

Friday Morning, Oct. 23, 10 o'clock.

Conference—Called to order by the State Regent.

Lord's Prayer—Led by Mrs. Geo. W. Bain.

Song—What is it?—Dudley Buck.

Miss Carolyn Goff.

Report—Credential Committee.

Address—Patriotic Education.

Mrs. Sallie Marshall Hardy.

Springtime—Stinson.

Miss Margaret Foster.

Reports—State Officers; Chapter Regents.

Friday Afternoon, 2.00 o'clock.

If My Little Girl Were a Tiny Star—Taylor.

Miss Hattie Keith.

My Heart at Thy Voice—Saint-Saens.

Miss Grace Appleton.

Election of officers.

Reading of Minutes.



UNCLE JOE CANNON AND HIS ENERGETIC POLITICAL OPPONENT

The congressional race between Joseph G. Cannon and Henry C. Bell in the Eighteenth Illinois district is attracting much attention on account of the prominence of the speaker and the vim that is being injected into the campaign. Speaker Cannon's reputation is national. Mr. Bell is a very popular lawyer of Marshall, Ill., and was a deputy commissioner of pensions during Cleveland's administration.

HAINES BROTHERS ARE INDICTED
FOR KILLING OF WILLIAM ANNIS

Charge Is Murder in the First Degree—Trial Will Probably Be Held Sometime This Fall.

Special to The News.

FLUSHING, L. I., Oct. 17.—The Grand jury today returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Captain Peter Haines and his brother, T. Jenkins Haines, based on the killing of William Annis.

The indictment had been expected by the Haines brothers and when interviewed by the correspondents they refused to say anything.

It is expected that the District Attorney will attempt to waive the trials to an early hearing, and if nothing interferes the court will take up the case for trial this fall.

GERMAN AERONAUTS
ARE BELIEVED DEAD

Balloon Has Been Picked Up in North Sea By Passing Steamer.

Special to The News.

YARMOUTH, England, Oct. 17.—The German balloon Hergesell has been picked up in the North Sea by a passing steamer. There were no signs of the occupants. It is believed that they had perished.

FOOTBALL GAME HAS
BEEN CALLED OFF

Kentucky Wesleyan and Central University Will Not Play Monday.

The football game that was scheduled to be played the coming Monday between Central University and Kentucky Wesleyan at Danville has been called off on account of the Board of Education of the College refusing to allow the home boys to leave town to play ball. An effort was made to have the game played here, but Central University refused to come. There will be a game played one day the coming week, but it will not be with a team that is a member of the association. The date and name of team will be announced later.

Mrs. M. McCormick and daughter, Miss Nora, have returned from a extended visit in Berea.

ORATORS TO SPEAK
SOON IN THIS CITY

Senator Bradley For the Republicans, Hon. C. M. Thomas for Democrats.

Senator W. Q. Bradley will speak for the Republicans next Thursday afternoon, October 22, at 1 o'clock at the Winchester Opera House.

On October 26 at 1 p. m. the Hon. C. M. Thomas is billed to speak at the Court House in the interest of the Democratic candidates.

RACING COMMISSION
AWAITS FIRST MOVE

Cannot Take Action Until Latonia Actually Puts on the Bookmakers.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 17.—"I do not know just what action the State Racing Commission will take in regard to the situation at Latonia," said Col. Milton Young, Friday afternoon. "I will say, however, that something will be done if they attempt to use the old style of betting. No action can be taken until they have violated the rules of the Commission."

PROTRACTED MEETING.

The protracted meeting held at the Mt. Olive church closed Friday night. It was conducted by Brother Willett, of Shelby county. Thirty-one joined the church, and twenty-five were baptized Friday night.

CLERK BORROWS
IMMENSE SUMS

Youth Describes How he Signed Notes For Sums He Could Not Pay.

New York, Oct. 17.—A tow-headed youth of 19, until recently a \$12 a week clerk in a broker office, was the star witness at the trial of Charles W. Morse, financial man and promoter, who with Alfred H. Curtis, former president of the National Bank of North America, is charged with having violated the national banking laws.

In the testimony of Edward P. Moxey, a government bank examiner, it had been revealed that a person by the name of Leslie E. Whiting had been one of the biggest borrowers from the National Bank of North America, at one time owing the institution as much as \$310,000. There was hardly a week went by in the year of 1907, the testimony showed, that Whiting did not borrow \$100,000 or more, giving ice stock principally as security. It always appeared in the record as presented, however, that the enormous sums of money borrowed by Whiting were credited to the account of Charles W. Morse.

At the conclusion of Examiner Moxey's testimony Leslie Whiting was called to the stand, and those in the courtroom who had expected to see a dignified business man step forward were astonished to see a smooth-cheeked boy of under 20 years walk nervously to the witness stand. After Whiting had been made to describe how he had come to sign the notes which made him indebted to the bank for such large accounts, he was asked:

"Could you have paid this note I hold here for \$82,000?"

"What, me?" answered the boy.

"No, no; I couldn't."

"Could you have paid a \$1,000 note?" pressed the attorney for the prosecution.

"No, sir," responded the boy, a trifle more assured.

For half an hour longer the youth was kept on the stand, while a bunch of letters, bearing the signature "Leslie E. Whiting," and directed to the National Bank of North America, were read. These letters were couched in businesslike terms and gave orders to the bank for transferring collateral, charges and renewals of notes. A sentence in one letter read: "Enclosed please find my check \$200,000, which apply to my account."

The witness explained in answer to questions that he had been sent to the bank by his employers to sign the notes. He said he knew he was incurring an obligation, but felt sure his employers would protect the notes. Whiting testified that he never talked with Mr. Morse or Mr. Curtis concerning the signing of notes or the putting up of collateral. The boy also said he did not think his employer knew that he was not of age.

MORRISSEY ELECTED

Head of American Railway Employees' and Investors' Association.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—P. H. Morrissey of Cleveland, O., at present grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, was elected president of the American Railway Employees' and Investors' association. Mr. Morrissey is to take active charge of his new office Jan. 1 next. The salary attached to the new position is said to be \$15,000 annually. It is said Mr. Morrissey will withdraw as chief of the railway trainmen and will devote his entire time to the association. At the meeting of the association's executive committee, at which Mr. Morrissey was decided on, there were present three railway presidents, A. J. Earling of the St. Paul, B. L. Winchell of the Rock Island and E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe, and three labor chiefs, A. G. Garretson of the conductors' order, Warren S. Stone of the engineers and John J. Hanahan, until recently the head of the switchmen. Elaborate offices are to be established in Chicago, and later branches established in the chief railway centers.

Man Drowned in Collision.

New York, Oct. 17.—One man was drowned and 75 persons were thrown into a panic when the steamer New York of the Albany day line was tamed by the tug William H. Flannery in the North river. James Charles, foreman of the tugboat, the man drowned, was knocked overboard when the crash came.

New Bishop Consecrated.

Washington, Oct. 17.—With solemn ceremony, conducted under the orders of the pope at Rome and in the presence of Mgr. Diomedes Falconio, the papal delegate, Rt. Rev. Laurens Veres of the province of Mexico was consecrated bishop.

HEARST GIVES
OUT ITINERARY

Invites Taggart, Foraker and Others To Sue Him and Try Suit Immediately.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Upon his arrival in Chicago Mr. Hearst dictated the following additional statement:

"I do not at all care whether the method of serving the summons was contrary to law or not, and I am perfectly willing to receive the summons. I do not hold anything against the deputy sheriff except the fact that he did not say he was an officer of the law. He did not say that he had a summons of any kind or a legal paper of any kind to serve."

"I was in the bathroom at the time, not avoiding any one nor suspecting any one. Some one knocked at the door and Mrs. Hearst went to the door. She thought the man was a drunken ruffian. She declined to let him in, and he broke open the door. I stepped out and asked what the trouble was all about, and the man said he had a summons in a civil suit to serve. Of course his action was high-handed and contrary to law, but I accept the summons notwithstanding and I invite Mr. Haskell's suit immediately, before election."

"I am going to New York and will pass through Indiana. If Mr. Taggart has any suit to bring I will be pleased to accept his service."

"I am then going through Ohio, and if Mr. Foraker has anything in the way of a suit I will be on the platform waiting to accept his service."

"I make these statements and give out my itinerary in order that if any suits are to be brought they may be brought without unnecessary annoyance to my family."

Mr. Hearst also declared that he is willing to accept service from Senator Bailey and Mr. Bryan, asking only that suits be brought at once so that the facts may be established before election. He also asserted that if Governor Haskell desires to bring a criminal action he will welcome it.

BULGARIANS REFUSE

To Consider Proposition to Pay Turkey an Indemnity.

Sofia, Oct. 17.—The members of the Bulgarian cabinet who accompanied Czar Ferdinand to his Bistrița hunting lodge in the Rilo mountains returned here and announced the result of their deliberations under the presidency of Ferdinand.

The cabinet has decided to reject the proposal emanating from London regarding the payment of indemnity to Turkey as a condition of recognizing Bulgaria's independence. A note to that effect will be sent by the Bulgarian administration to the powers. The only question the government is willing to negotiate is the purchase rights of the Oriental Railroad company.

A communication has been sent to the officials of the read inviting the company to submit to the government the terms on which it is willing to surrender the lease. The communication states that Bulgaria is now administering the line provisionally and maintaining the company's rates.

Original "Topsy" is Dead.

Boston, Oct. 17.—Mrs. George C. Howard, well known at one time as an actress, and the original "Topsy" in the dramatization of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at her home in Cambridge. Mrs. Howard's maiden name was Caroline E. Fox, and she was born in Boston in 1829.

Whole Family Cremated.

Hurst, Mich., Oct. 17.—Henry Kemps, his wife and two children were burned to death in their home. Another child is missing. The four bodies were found in the ruins of the farmhouse, and there is little possibility of the other child having escaped.

THE MEAT OF IT.

Authorities at Wooster (O.) university are seeking a kleptomaniac who has been operating in one of the girls' dormitories.

Charles C. Roebeling of Trenton, N. J., has made an automobile which he claims can develop a speed of 140 miles an hour.

Robert L. Palmer, president of the Illinois Letter Carriers' association, is under arrest charged with rifling the mails.

Because the Union National bank of Summerville, Pa., was loaded up with paper of doubtful value, it was closed by Bank Examiner Cunningham.

J. H. Rhodes of Dayton, O., dropped dead in the office of the Arcade hotel, Columbus.

John H. Drake, 78, of Zanesville, O., dropped dead from excitement caused by the celebration of his golden wedding anniversary.